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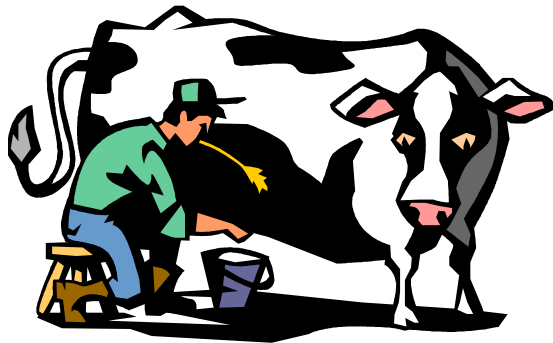
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HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS REPORT

Quarterly Milk Production

Louisiana Milk Production

Louisiana dairies produced an estimated 69 million pounds of milk during the January-March 2011 quarter, up three percent from the same period in 2010. The number of milk cows averaged 19,000 head during the quarter, down five percent from last year.



United States Milk Production

Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 48.4 billion pounds, up 2.2 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.2 million head, 70,000 head more than the same period last year.

Milk production in the 23 major states during March totaled 15.8 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March 2010. February revised production at 14.0 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from February 2010. The February revision represented a decrease of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,872 pounds for March, 24 pounds above March 2010.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.4 million head, 93,000 head more than March 2010, and 17,000 head more than February 2011.

Milk Production: Selected States, January-March 2010 – 2011

Selected States	January-March Milk Cows ¹		January-March Milk Production ²	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
	-----Thousands-----		-----Million Pounds-----	
Alabama	11.0	11.0	45.0	43.0
Arkansas	13.0	12.0	41.0	38.0
Louisiana	20.0	19.0	67.0	69.0
Mississippi	17.0	15.0	63.0	58.0
Oklahoma	57.0	54.0	249.0	241.0
Tennessee	53.0	50.0	222.0	214.0
Texas	410.0	425.0	2,187.0	2,357.0
United States	9,093.0	9,163.0	47,392.0	48,432.0
23 Major States ³	8,323.7	8,410.3	43,898.0	44,963.0

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

³ Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

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